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The Southeast Conference lost two of our saints: Rev. Marvin Albright and Rev. Thomas Eckert.

Rev. Marvin Albright

Marvin Gene Albright, of Pleasant Hill TN, son of John J. and Selma I. (née Scherer) Albright was born in Houston, TX, on Nov. 10, 1929. During his teen years, he lived with his parents and siblings near the farming community of Beasley, TX, where cotton and corn were the major cash crops.

Following graduation from high school, with the desire to follow a career in

ministry, he enrolled at the University of Texas, later transferring to Elmhurst College, IL, where he received a bachelor's degree in Sociology in 1952. That was followed by a Bachelor of Divinity degree in Old Testament from Eden Theological Seminary, MO, and ordination into ministry at Frieden's Evan. & Ref. church in Beasley, TX, in 1955.

While at Elmhurst, Marvin met Jo Ann B. Ehlert, who was to become his wife. They were married in the Elmhurst Chapel by Dr. Rudolph Schade on June 25, 1955. Mrs. Albright survives and continues to live in Pleasant Hill. During the 40-year ministry, Rev. Albright served St. John's Evan. & Ref. Church, Uhland, TX (1955-1958), Redeemer United Church of Christ, Marion, TX (1958-1964), and Immanuel United Church of Christ, Sedalia, MO (1964-1994).

After his ministry, Rev. Albright and his wife retired to the Uplands Village community in Pleasant Hill. Active members of the United Church of Christ in Pleasant Hill, he continued his volunteerism for the community and was a consummate advocate for social justice issues.

You can read Rev. Albright's full obituary on our website.

Rev. Thomas Eckert

Thomas W. Eckert died peacefully at his home under the care of his family, Avalon Hospice, and Uplands Village CarePartners, Pleasant Hill Tennessee. He graduated from Heidelberg University Tiffin OH and Eden Theological Seminary Webster Groves MO. He had served in parish ministry since his ordination on June 14, 1959 in churches in Cincinnati OH, Louisville KY, Grand Rapids MI, Hamilton OH, Fairfield Glade TN, and Cookeville TN, all with the United Church of Christ.

With that denomination, he served on stewardship education programs, mission interpretation, restructuring and long-range planning committees on Conference Boards, and represented the United Church Board for World Ministries in India and Nepal. In the posture of reaching out to the community and beyond, Tom encouraged people to be involved in work camps both locally and in Mexico and with Habitat for Humanity. At Uplands Village he served on the Governance and Nominating Committee a number of years working with the Uplands Board of Directors.

Upon retirement at Uplands Village, Pleasant Hill TN, in 1995, he was taught watercolor painting by a resident master painter and became involved with the Art Guild at Fairfield Glade and the Crossville Art Council. He taught classes and participated in many exhibits and festivals: his painting of his granddad's championship game horseshoes hangs in the permanent collection at the Art Circle Public Library, Crossville TN. He proudly attained the status of Signature Member of the Tennessee Watercolor Society.

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